

BEAUTY AND THE SQUAT BEARS

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Born in 1964 in Paris, Émile Bravo started out in illustration and advertising before devoting his career to comics. In 1992, he joined the studio collective of L'Atelier Nawak with the likes of Lewis Trondheim, Christophe Blain, Emmanuel Guibert, David B., and Joann Sfar, among others, before leaving in 1995 for L'Atelier des Vosges.

Bravo is a critically acclaimed and award-winning comics creator. *THE MARVELOUS ADVENTURES OF JULES*, which signified Bravo's commitment to the field of comics, was conceived in 1999 and won the René Goscinny prize in 2002. In 2008, *MY MOMMY IS IN AMERICA AND SHE MET BUFFALO BILL* won the SLPJ of Montreuil's Prix Tam-Tam for comics as decided by a jury of young readers and was named an Angoulême International Comics Festival Essential. In the same year, Bravo imagined the beginnings of a beloved comics classic with *SPIROU: THE DIARY OF AN INNOCENT*, which was awarded the Grand-Prix RTL de la Bande Dessinée, the Prix des Libraires and, once again, was named an Essential at Angoulême.

THE SEVEN SQUAT BEARS series, Bravo's first series aimed at a younger audience, debuted in 2004 and has met with great success in his native France.





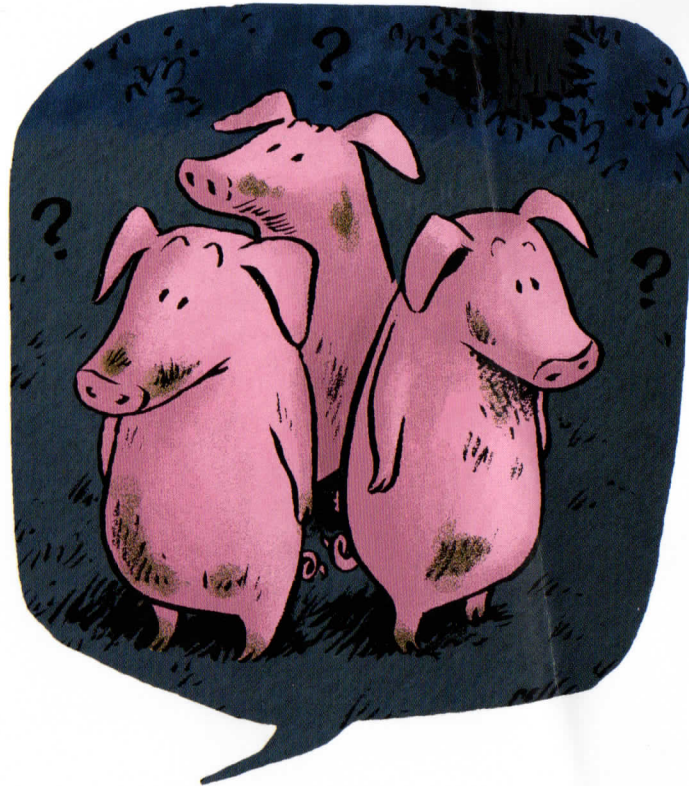
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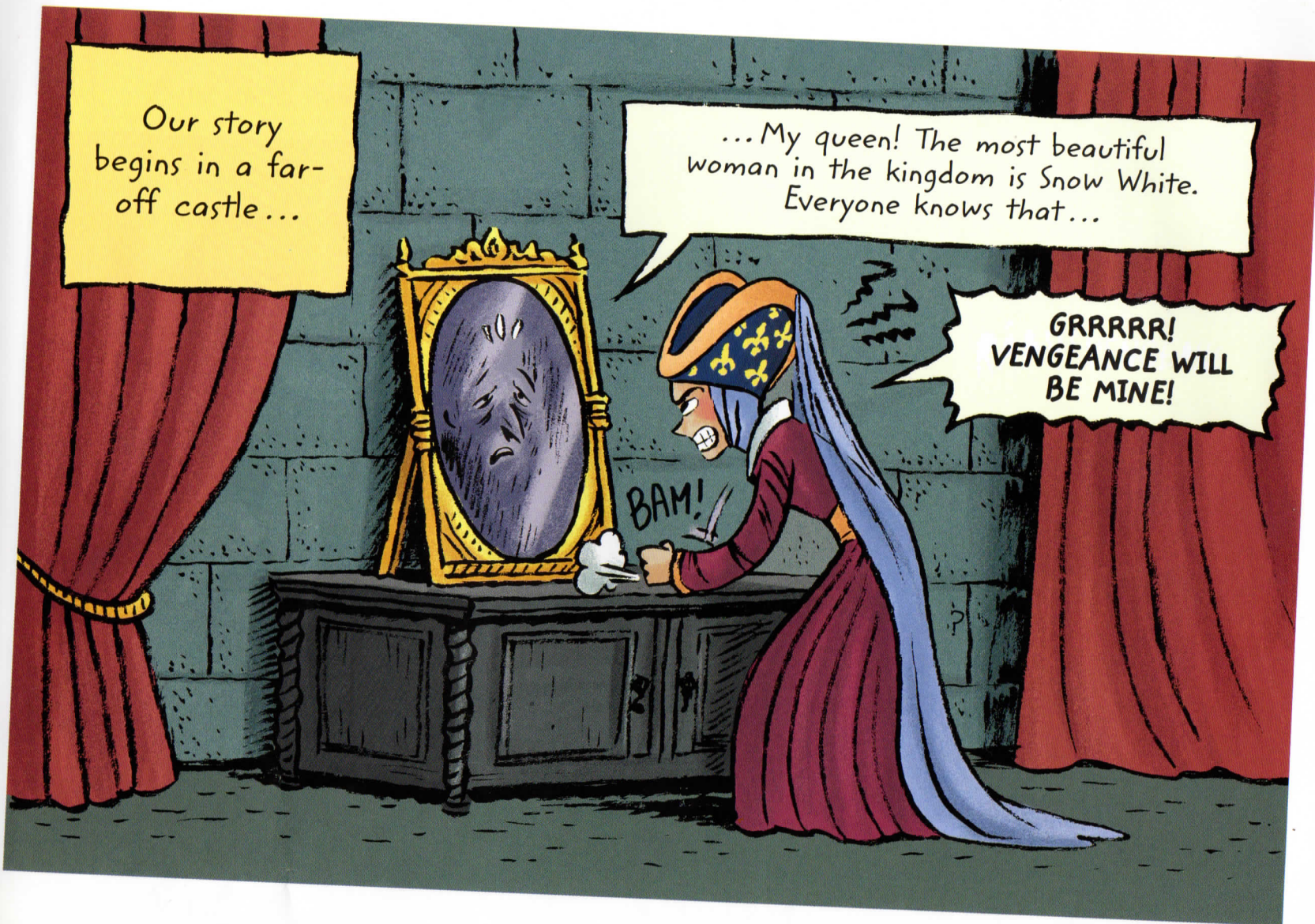


Our story
begins in a far-
off castle...

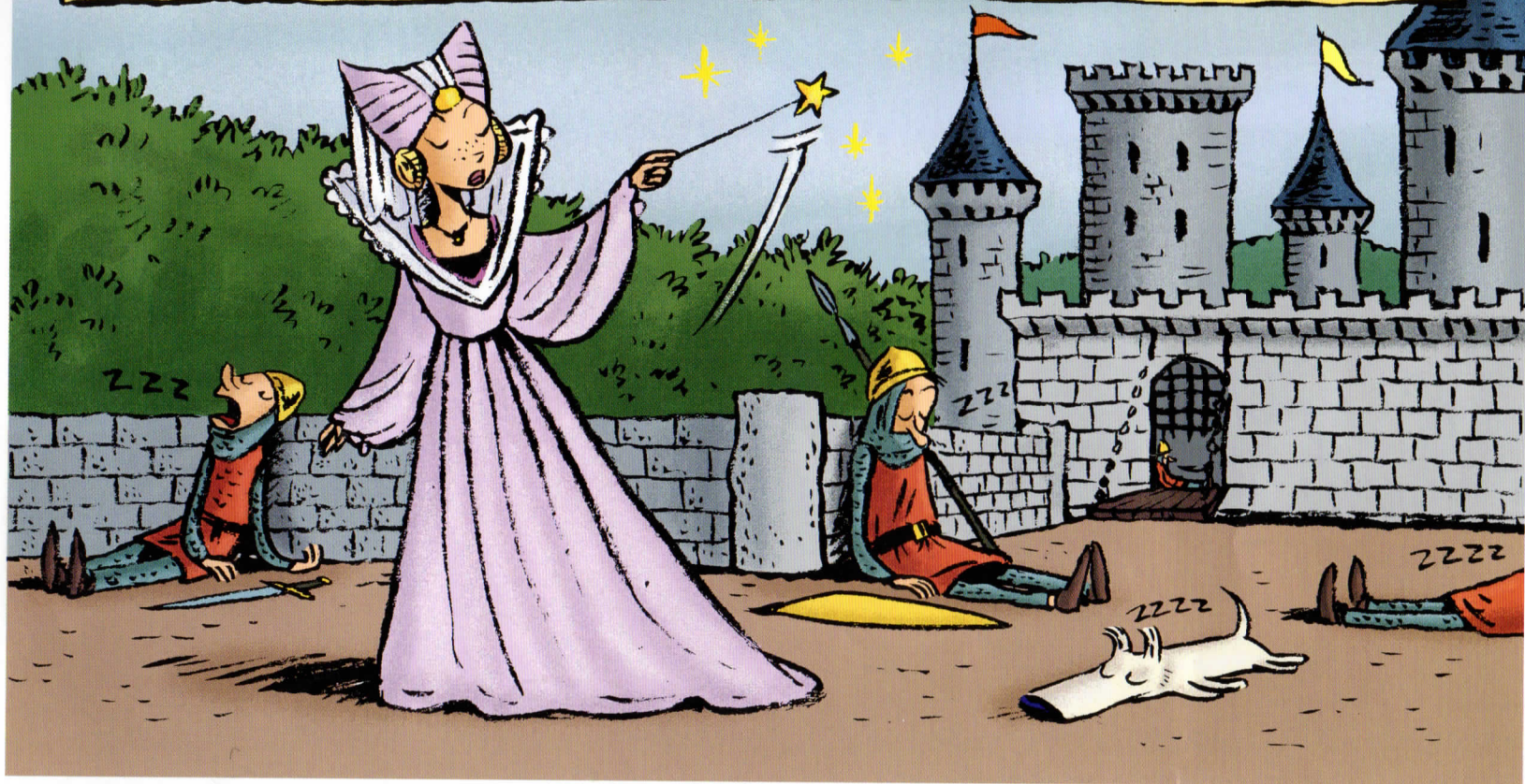
...My queen! The most beautiful
woman in the kingdom is Snow White.
Everyone knows that...

GRRRRR!
VENGEANCE WILL
BE MINE!

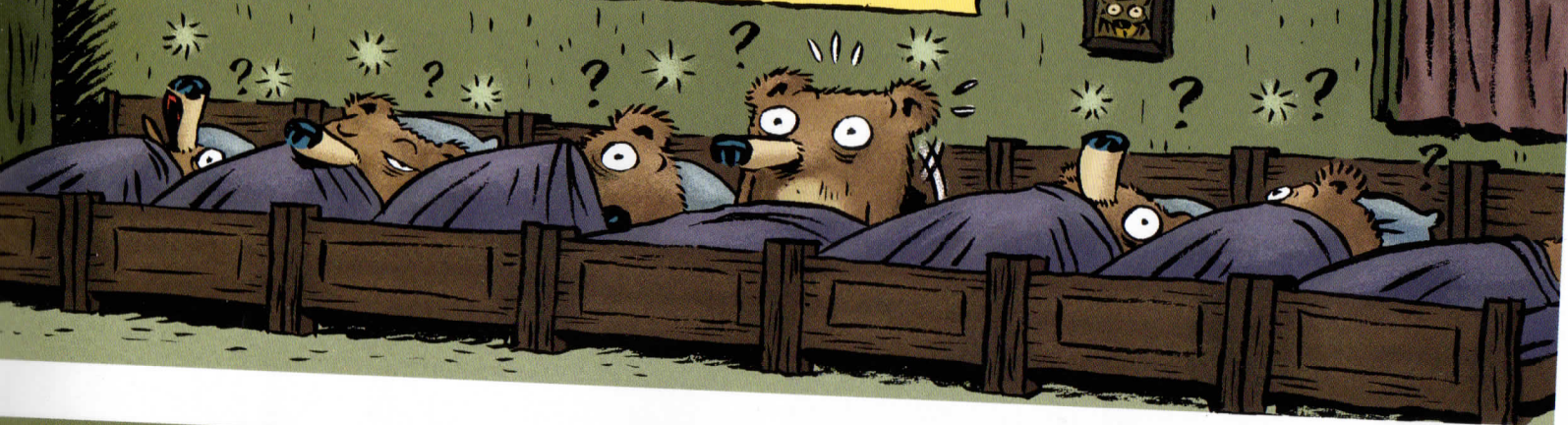
BAM!



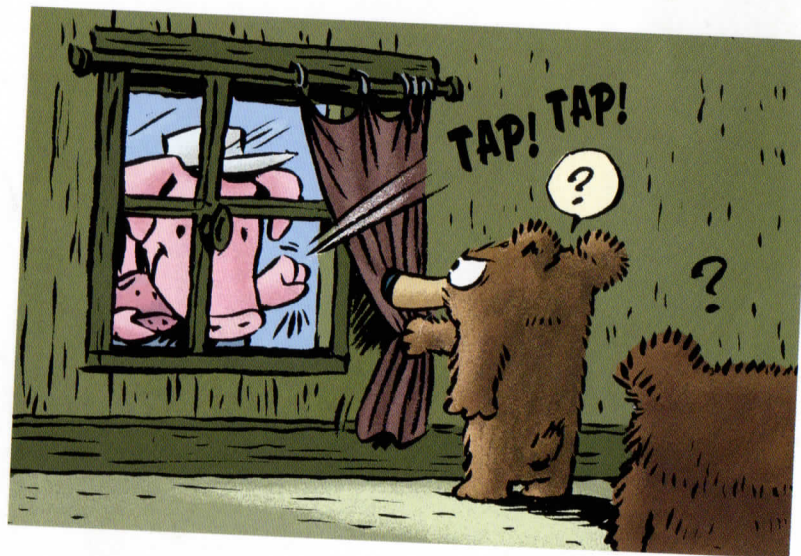
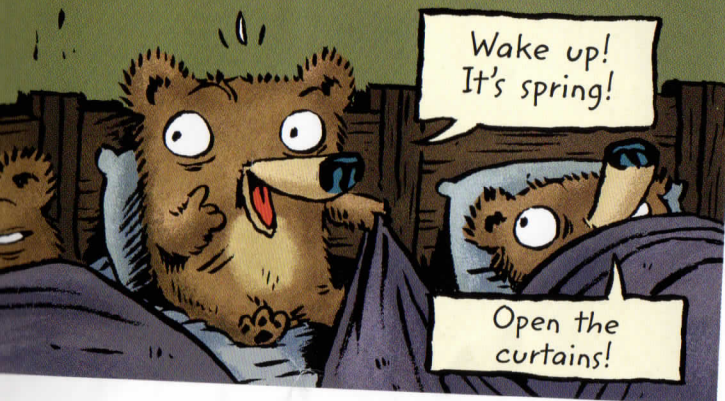
Meanwhile, in another land, a fairy godmother waved her magic wand and put an entire kingdom to sleep for one hundred years so a bewitched princess wouldn't feel alone when she woke up.

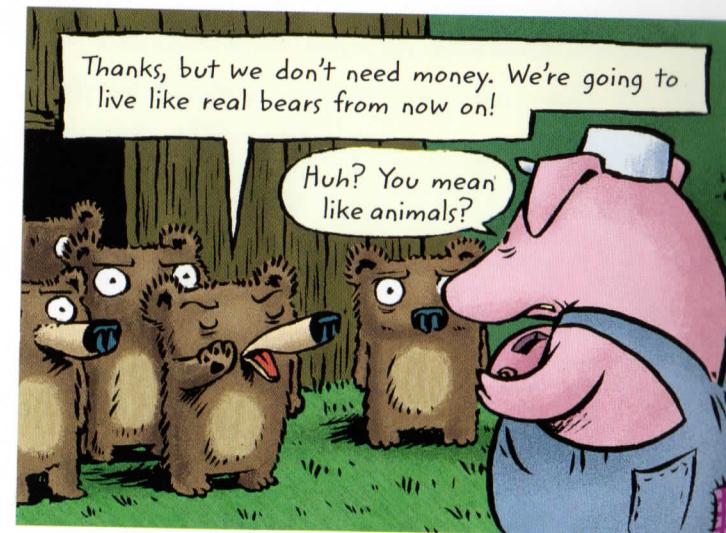
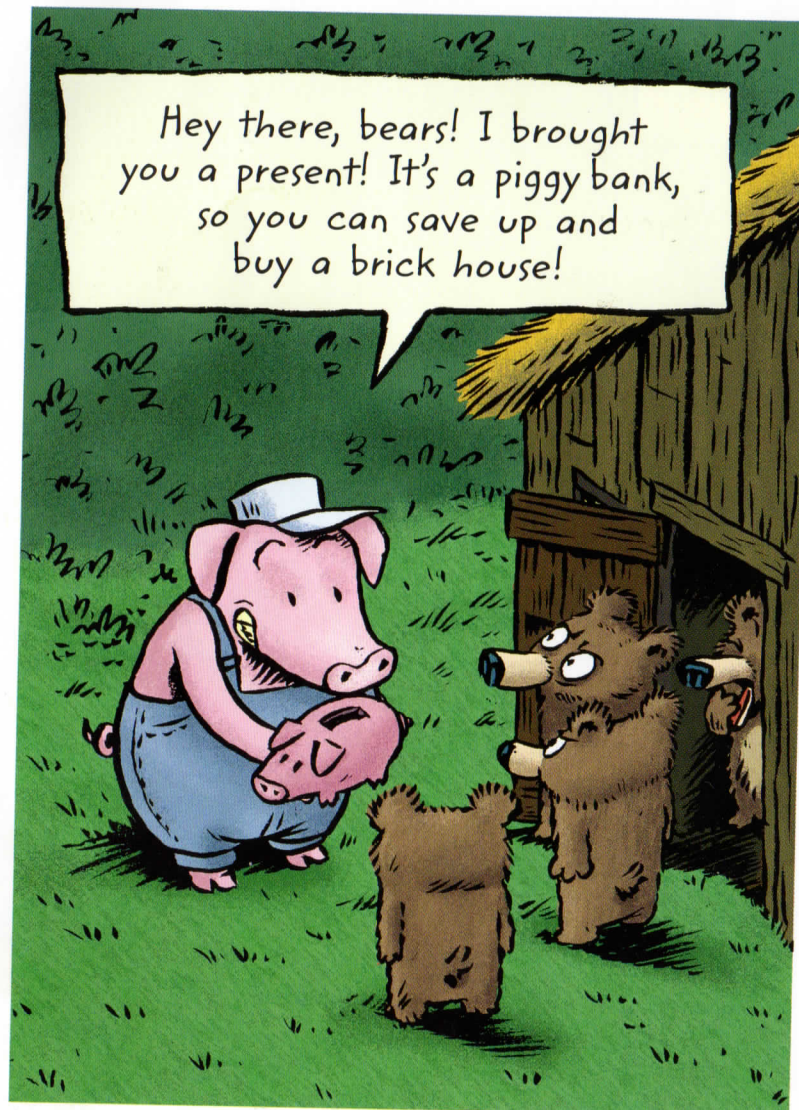


At the same moment, in their forest home...



... the seven squat bears were waking from their hibernation.





Then they set off into the forest to look for some food, like any good, self-respecting bear would.



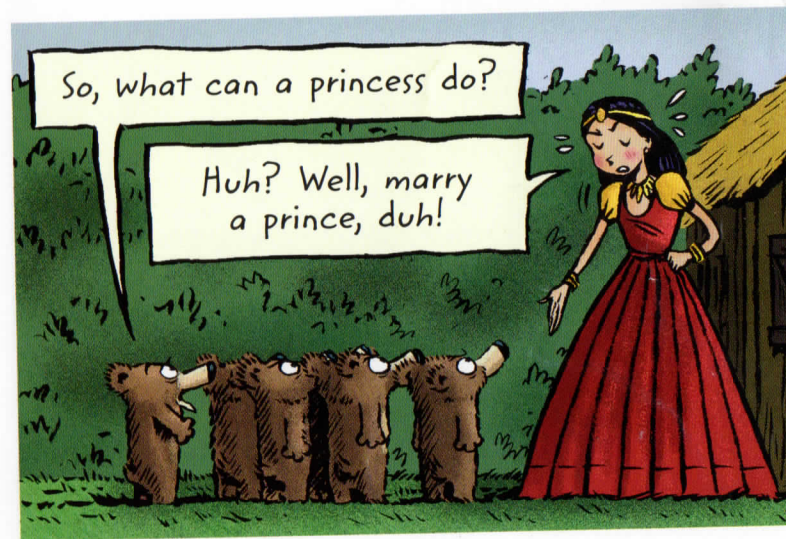
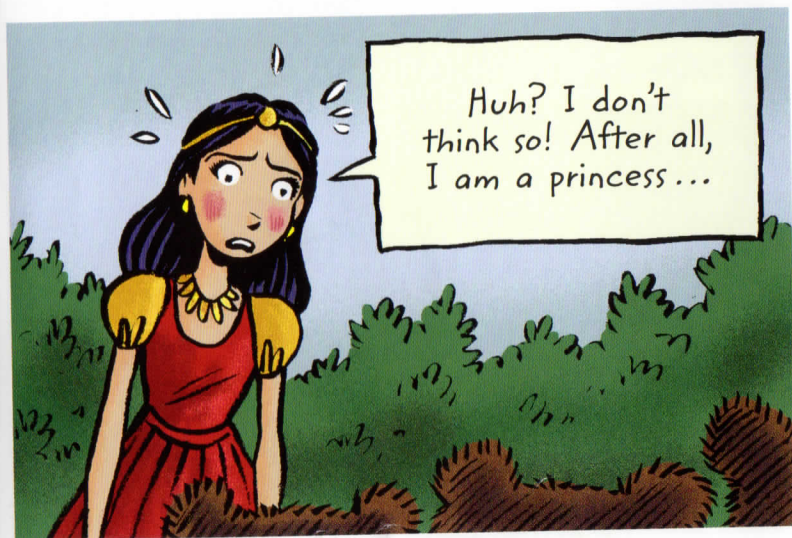
They had just gone into the woods, when...

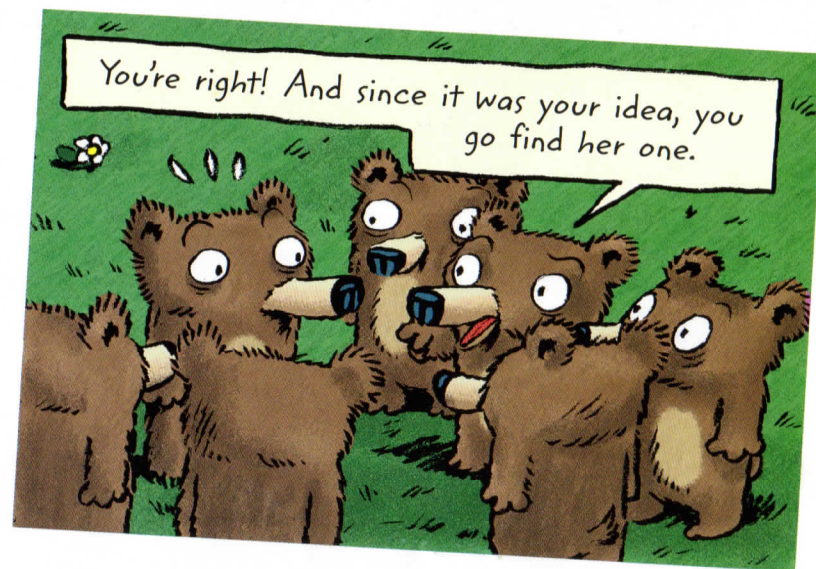


A young woman was trying to enter their house...







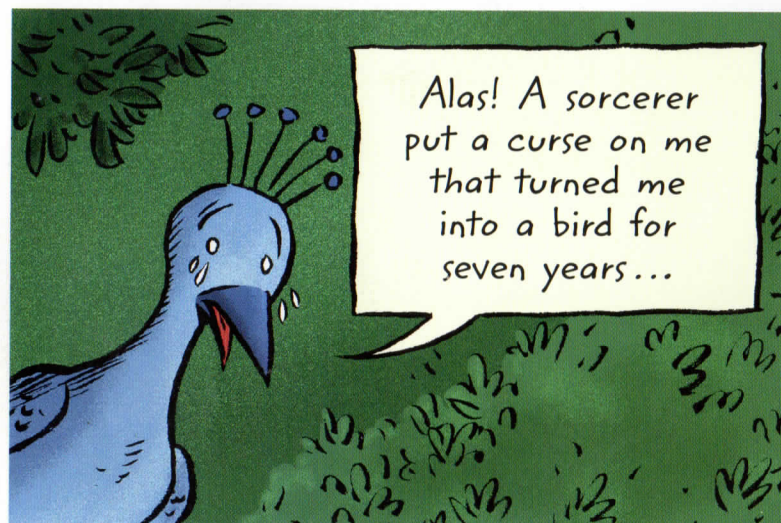


So the bear set off on his quest for a prince.

Pfft! A prince, a prince...
Now where am I supposed
to find one of those?

?







It was almost midnight when our two friends came upon a brightly lit castle.



Oooooh!
That's pretty!

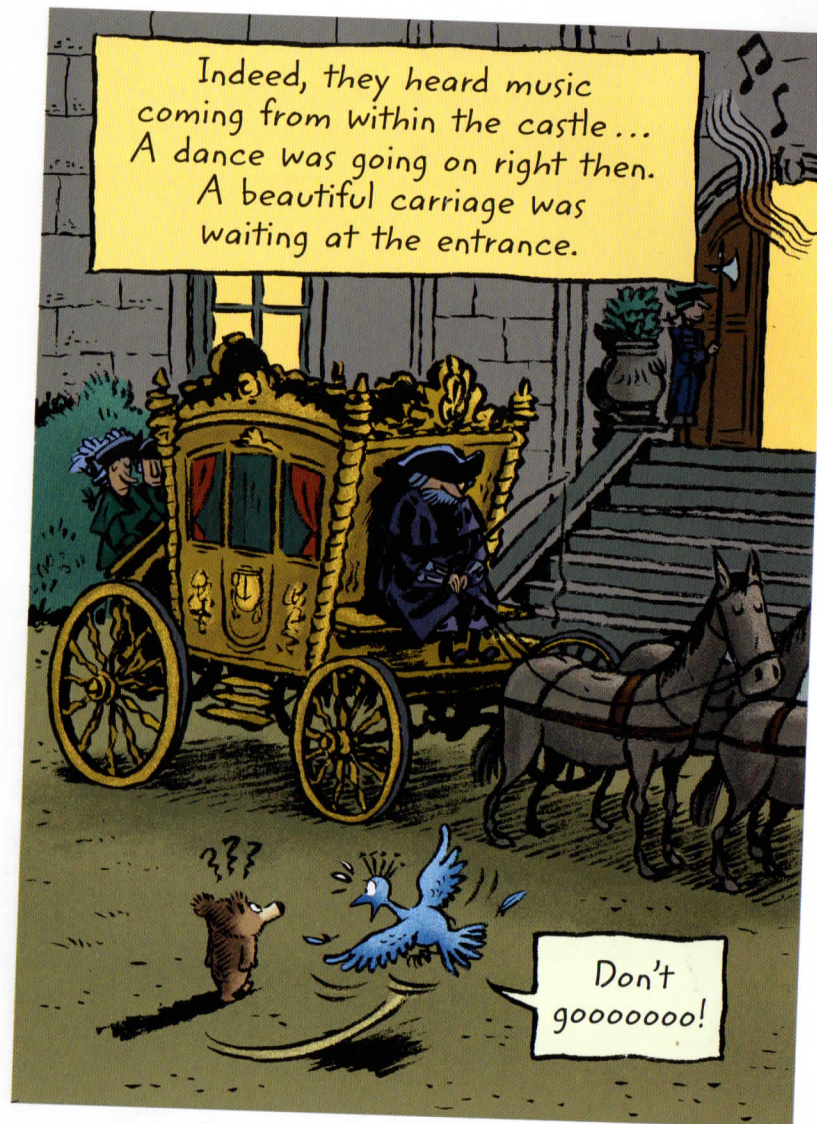
A castle... There must be
a Prince Charming in there.



Huh? NO WAY!

I'm the only Prince Charming
here! Let's keep going to the
fairy's house!

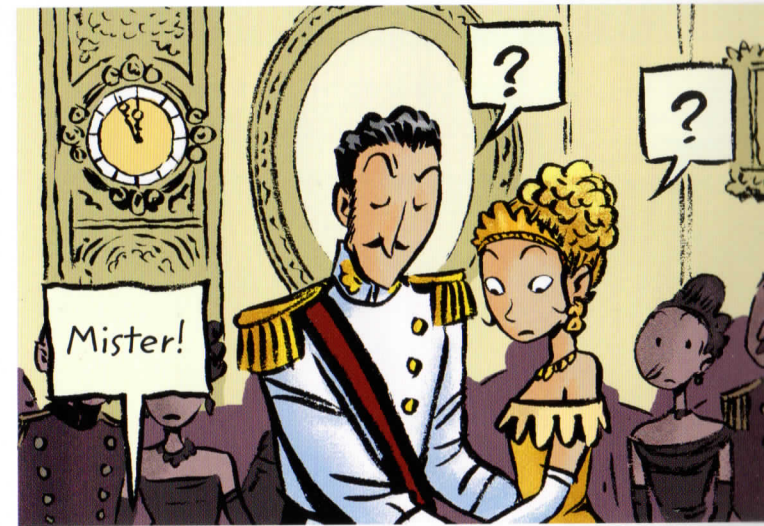


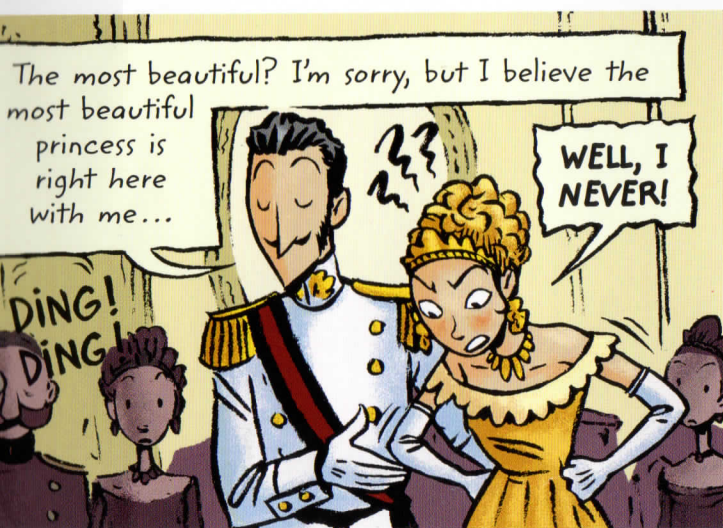




In the ballroom, a prince was dancing gracefully with a gorgeous princess while the court gazed in admiration.



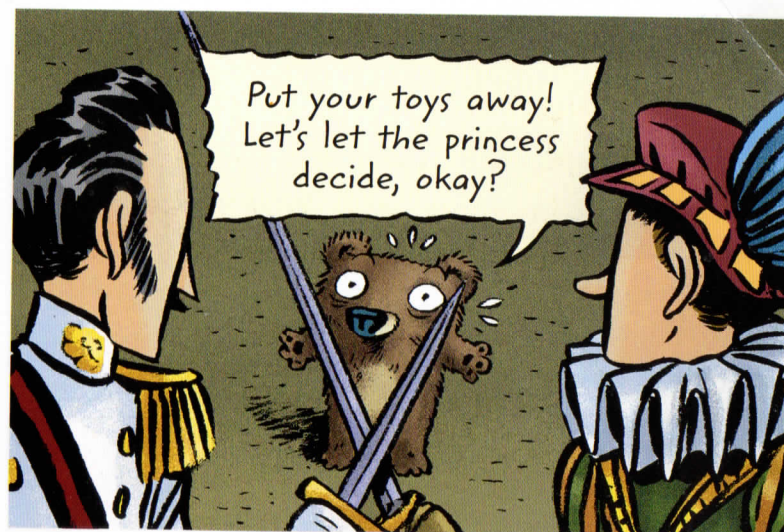
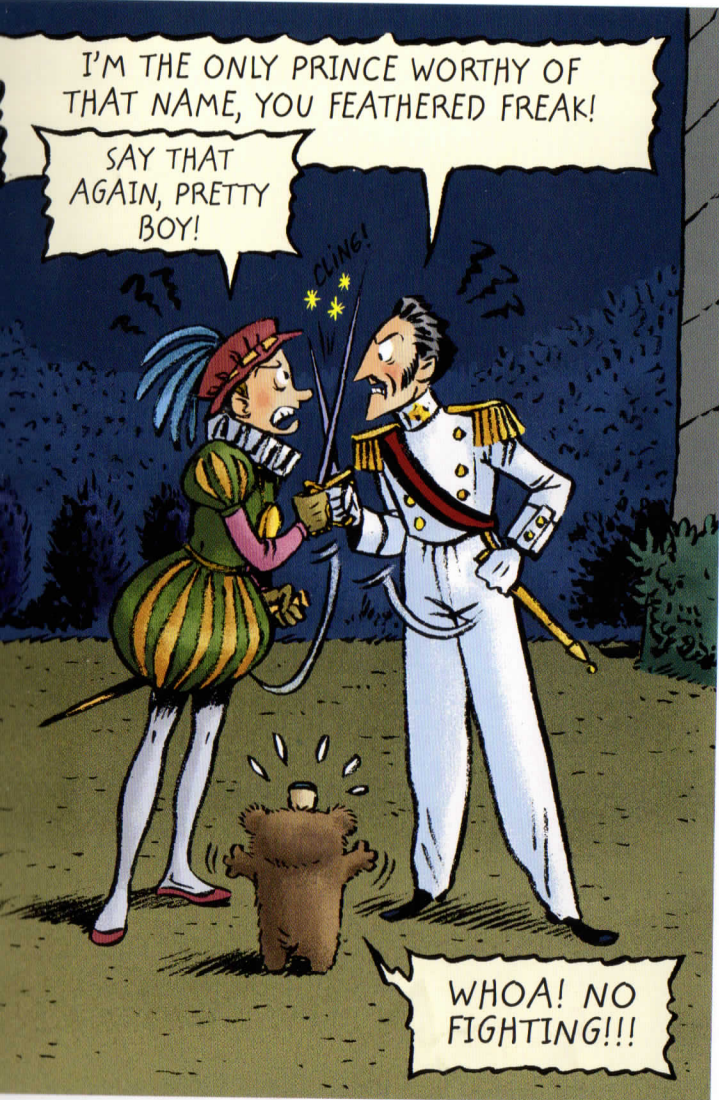


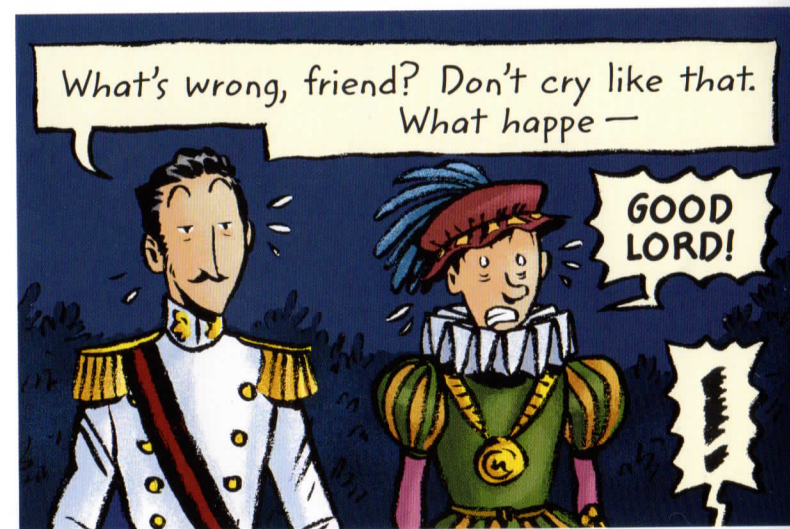
















The old lady was in fact the beautiful fairy godmother, who often liked to disguise herself as an ancient woman so boys would leave her alone.

Now, who's ugly?

Umm...
Me...?

Forgive us, Fairy Godmother...
We didn't recognize you...



So what? Is that any way to
treat an old woman, you jerks?



I'm sorry, good fairy. We were just
worried about this poor guy and his ugly
face. We've gotta fix him.

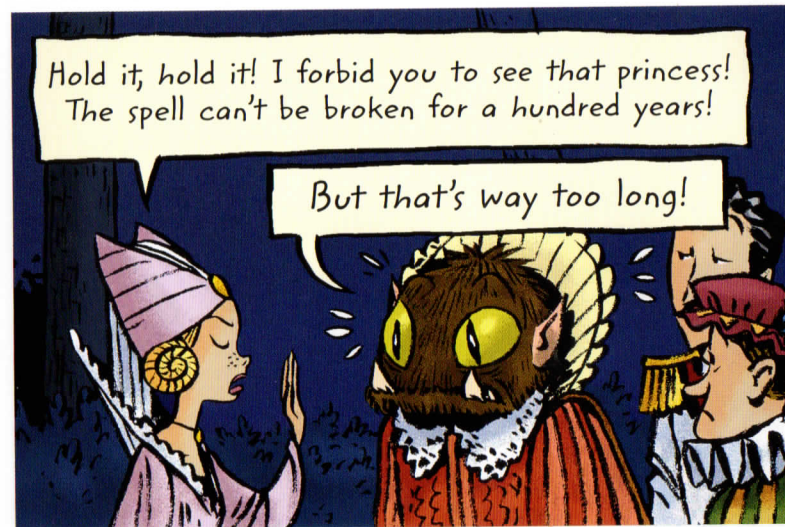


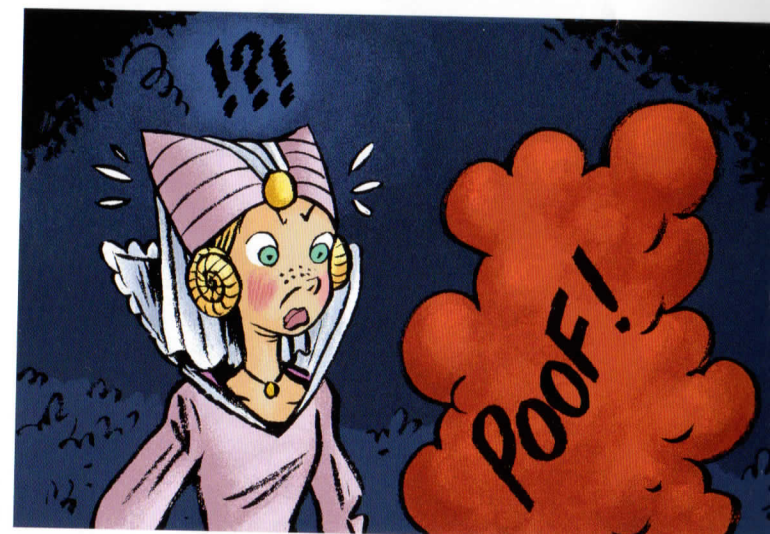
He must look like that for a reason!
Anyway, I had a rough day, and
I've worked enough!

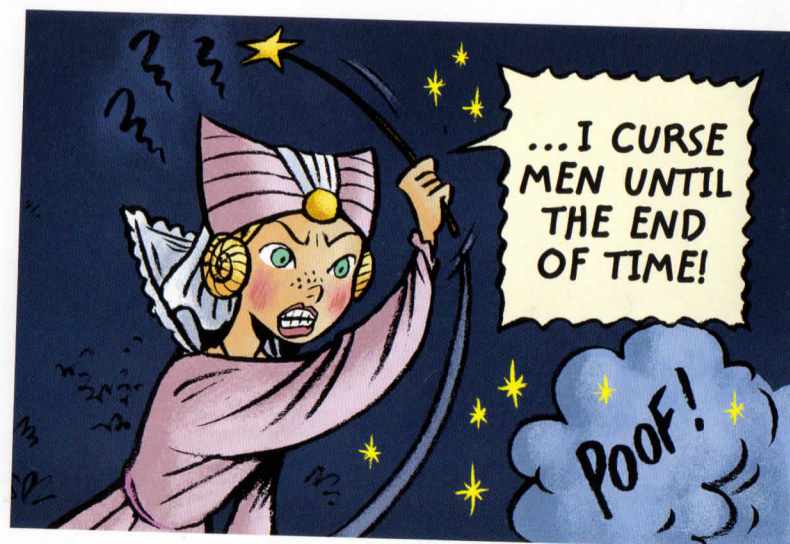


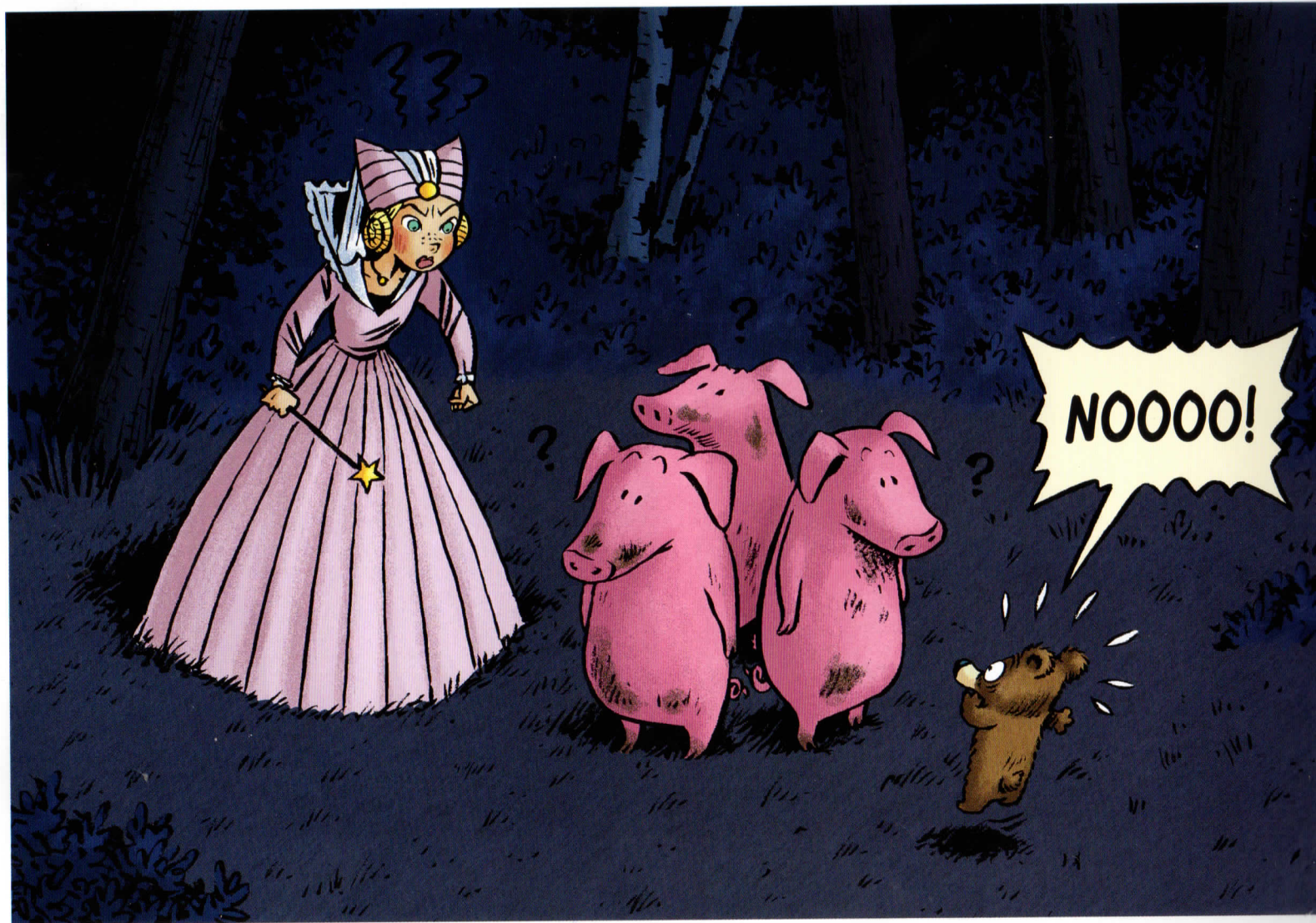
I mean it! I had to change a Cinderella into
a princess, complete with a carriage and all
her accessories, and I put a whole kingdom
to sleep for another princess
who fainted for one hundred
years...





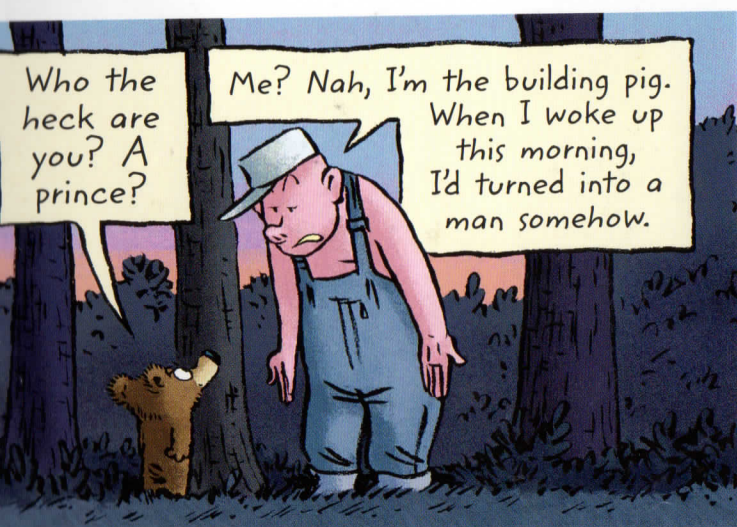










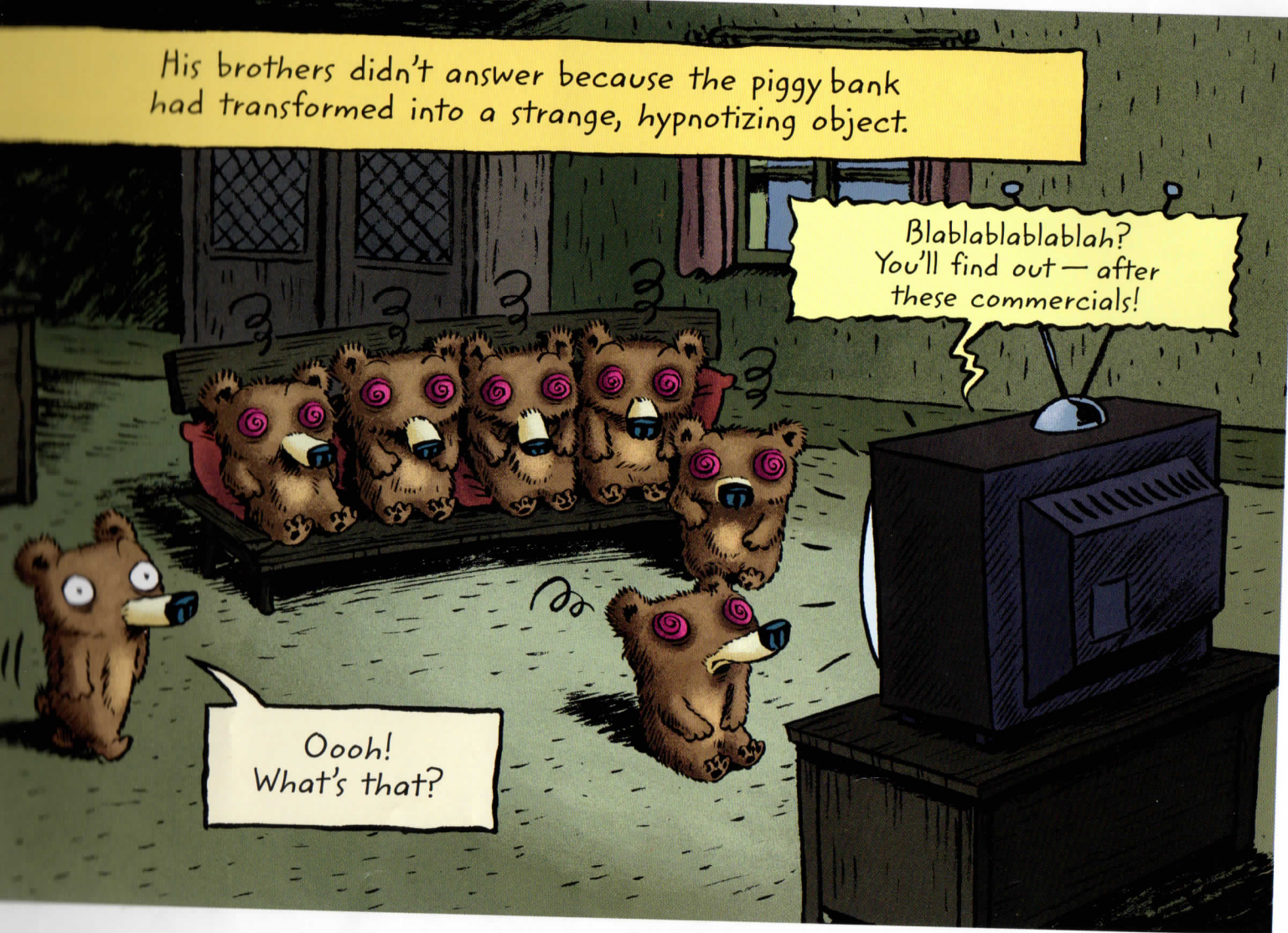


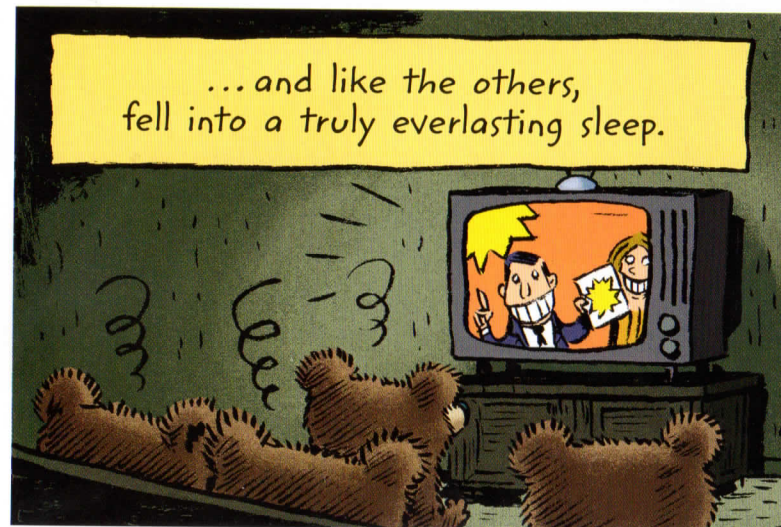
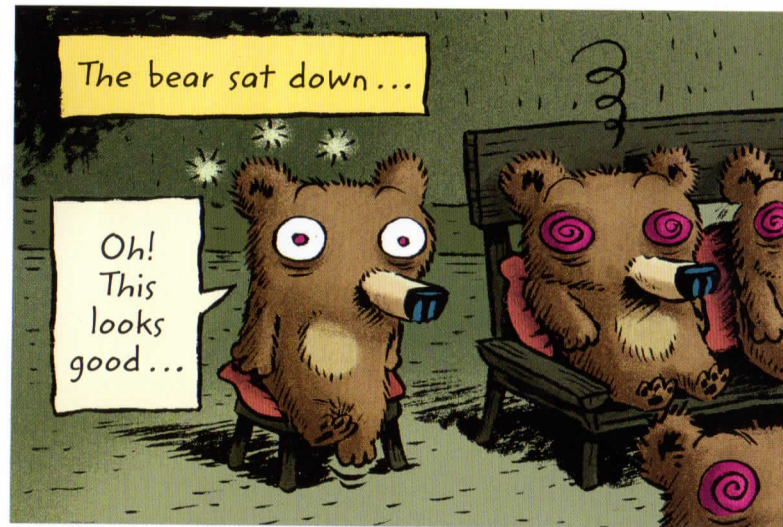


His brothers didn't answer because the piggy bank had transformed into a strange, hypnotizing object.

Blablablablah?
You'll find out — after
these commercials!

Oooh!
What's that?



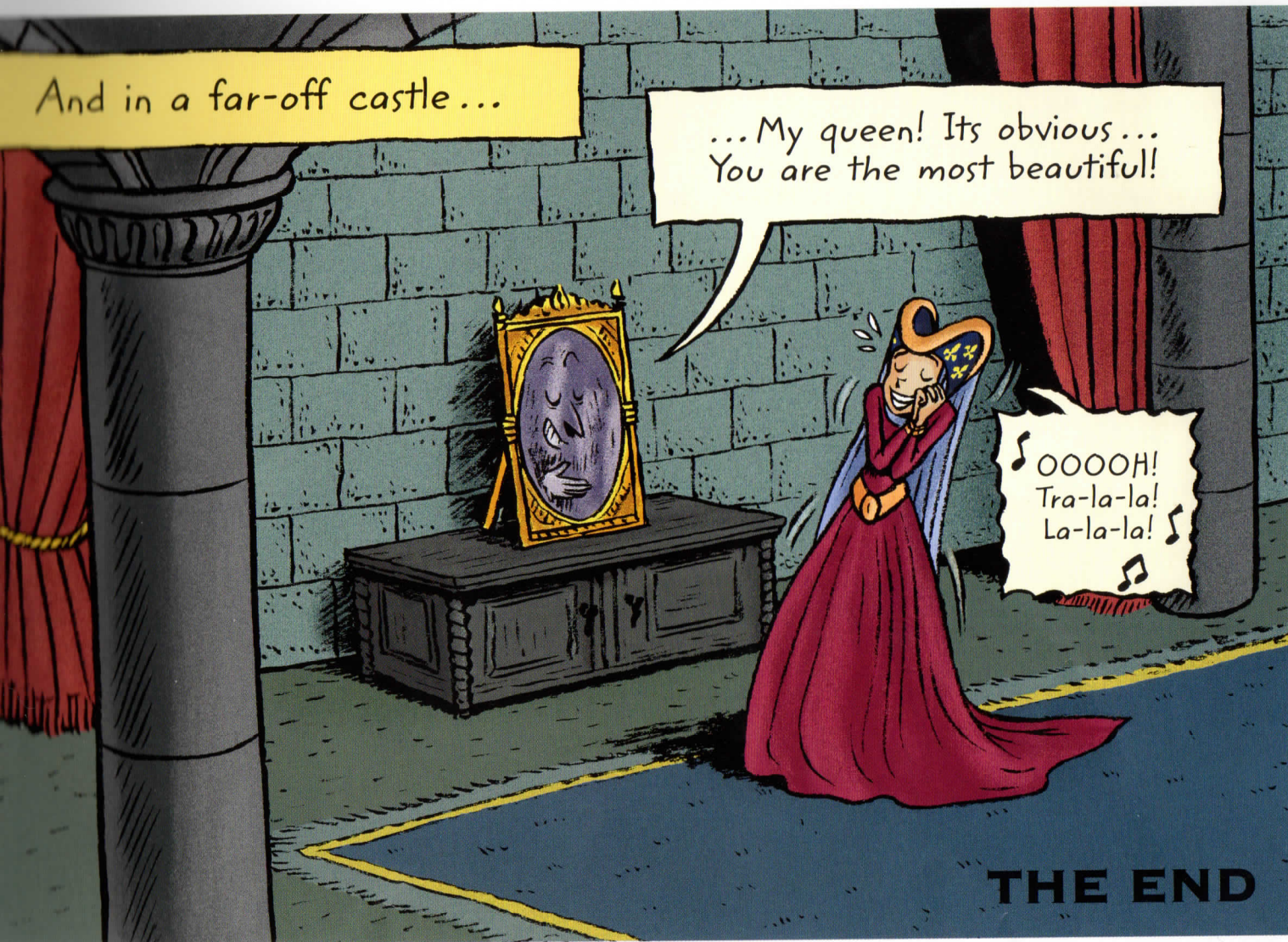


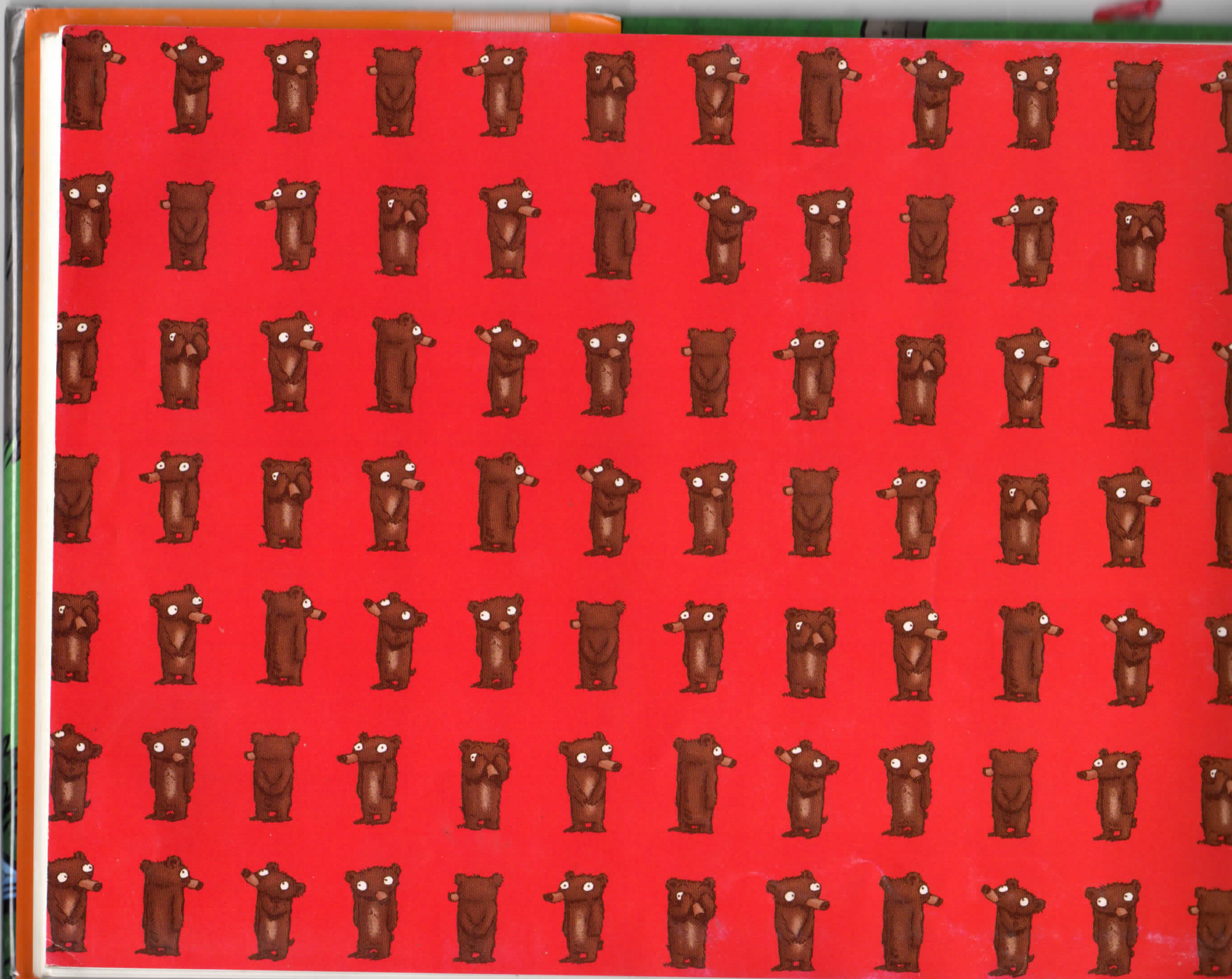
And in a far-off castle...

... My queen! Its obvious ...
You are the most beautiful!

♪ OOOOH!
Tra-la-la!
La-la-la! ♪

THE END







When the queen's magic mirror declares that
 Snow White is the fairest in the land, Snow flees the kingdom
 and finds herself at the doorstep of the seven squat bears' cabin!
 But the squat bears aren't interested in harboring fugitive princesses.
 The best place for a beautiful princess is with a prince!

